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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON ANGOLA

1. SUMMARY. FONMIN BANDA DELIVERED STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18 IN WHICH HE REAFFIRMED ZAMBIAN RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA AS SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT STATE BUT STOPPED JUST SHORT OF EXTENDING DE JURE RECOGNITION TO MPLA LUSANDA GOVERNMENT. FONMIN REITERATED ZAMBIA'S OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND URGED FNLA AND UNITA TO COOPERATE WITH MPLA IN TASK OF UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING BRIEF PREAMBULARY IN WHICH HE RECALLED PAST COOPERATION OF ZAMBIA'S GOVERNMENT AND RULING PARTY WITH ANGOLAN MPLA IN STRUGGLE AGAINST THEIR COMMON ENEMIES, BANDA DELIVERED SEVEN POINT POLICY STATEMENT:

A. ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS HER RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE;

B. ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS HER BELIEF IN A POLITICAL SOLUTION AS ONLY ONE WHICH GUARANTEES UNITY, PEACE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE WHOLE OF ANGOLA. ZAMBIA THEREFORE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO BLOODSHED;

C. ZAMBIA HAS NEVER BEEN AGAINST MPLA, IS NOT OPPOSED TO IT NOW, AND WILL NOT BE AGAINST MPLA IN FUTURE. ZAMBIA IS READY TO WORK WITH ANY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA;

D. ZAMBIA IS OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ONCE AGAIN CALLS FOR COMPLETE AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA SO THAT PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY ARE LEFT ALONE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY;

E. SINCE MPLA GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF OAU, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH OAU CHARTER, ZAMBIA AS IN THE PAST WILL PLAY HER PART IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE IN ANGOLA.

F. ZAMBIA URGES FNLA AND UNITA, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FOLLOWERS, TO FORGET THE PAST AND JOIN HANDS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IN THE GIGANTIC TASK OF NATIONAL BUILDING;

G. IN THIS SAME SPIRIT, ZAMBIA APPEALS TO MPLA GOVERNMENT, IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, TO BE MORE ACCOMMODATING AND EXTEND A BROTHERLY HAND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA.

3. FONMIN BANDA CONCLUDED WITH REITERATION THAT ZAMBIA STANDS UNCLASSIFIED

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READY TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH PEOPLE OF ANGOLA IN ALL FIELDS --POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, OR CULTURAL -- FOR BENEFIT OF TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

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